LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Previously Presented)** An endoscope hood comprising:

a cylindrical attachment portion which can be attached to a distal end portion of an insertion portion of a first endoscope and which can be also attached to a distal end portion of an insertion portion of a second endoscope at a predetermined position thereon which has an outside diameter which is appropriate for the attachment, and in which the outside diameter is different from that of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the first endoscope; and

a protrusion portion which is formed on an end side of the attachment portion, protrudes in an observation visual field direction from the distal end portions of the insertion portions of at least the second endoscope, and has an area displayed in an observation image of the second endoscope that is larger than an area displayed in an observation image of the first endoscope.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein the protrusion portion is formed into a shape that the protrusion portion is not visible in an observation image of the first endoscope when the attachment portion is attached to the distal end portion of the first endoscope insertion portion, and that the protrusion portion appears in an observation image of the second endoscope when the attachment portion is attached to the distal end portion of the second endoscope insertion portion.

3. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 2, wherein an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the second endoscope is smaller than an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the first endoscope.

4. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 3, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

5. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 2, wherein an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the second endoscope is larger than an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the first endoscope.

6. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 5, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

7. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 2, wherein the protrusion portion has a concave portion matched with a visual field area observed by the first endoscope.

8. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 7, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

9. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 2, wherein a positioning member used to enable attachment at positions appropriate to the first and second endoscopes is provided on an inner peripheral surface of the attachment portion.

10. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 9, wherein the positioning member is integrally formed on the inner peripheral surface of the attachment portion.

11. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 10, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

12. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 9, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

13. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 2, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

14. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the second endoscope is smaller than an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the first endoscope.

15. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 14, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

16. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the second endoscope is larger than an outside diameter of the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the first endoscope.

17. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 16, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

18. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein the protrusion portion has a concave portion matched with a visual field area observed by the first endoscope.

19. (Original) The endoscope hood according to claim 18, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

20. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein a positioning member used to enable attachment at positions appropriate to the first and second endoscopes is provided on an inner peripheral surface of the attachment portion.

21. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 20, wherein the positioning member is integrally formed on the inner peripheral surface of the attachment portion.

22. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 21, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

23. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 20, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

24. **(Original)** The endoscope hood according to claim 1, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

25. **(Withdrawn)** An endoscope hood which is attached to a distal end portion of an insertion portion of an endoscope, comprising: a cylindrical attachment portion which is attached in a state that an attachment position is positioned to the distal end portion of the insertion portion in a predetermined direction; a cylindrical protrusion portion which is formed on a distal end side of the attachment portion and protrudes to a front side from the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the endoscope; and attachment state confirming means for judging whether an attachment state of the attachment portion to the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the endoscope is appropriate or inappropriate based on an area of the protrusion portion displayed in an observation image of the endoscope, and giving a warning.

26. (Withdrawn) The endoscope hood according to claim 25, wherein the attachment state confirming means has an image-processing device which judges whether the attachment state of the attachment portion to the distal end portion of the insertion portion of the endoscope is appropriate or inappropriate.

27. (Withdrawn) The endoscope hood according to claim 26, wherein the image-processing device has hood propriety judging means for calculating an area of the protrusion portion displayed in an observation image of the endoscope, and judging whether the attachment state is appropriate or inappropriate based on the calculated area.

28. (Withdrawn) The endoscope hood according to claim 27, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

29. (Withdrawn) The endoscope hood according to claim 26, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.

30. (Withdrawn) The endoscope hood according to claim 25, wherein the attachment portion has the elasticity that the attachment portion is deformed at least in a radial direction in such a manner that it can be attached by press fitting.